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TAGS: EAIR, WS

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS AIRWAYS (SPIA)

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1. DEPT AND CAB SHARE EMBASSY ASSUMPTION THAT GWS'S REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS IS INTENDED TO BE A DEVICE TO POSTPONE IMPLEMENTING GWS OBLIGATIONS FOR RECIPROCITY THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS AIRWAYS (SPIA). WE ARE CONCERNED THAT NEW GWS OFFICIALS DO NOT SEEM TO APPRECIATE FULLY THAT DILATORY TACTICS MAY ULTIMATELY BRING VALIDITY OF POLYNESIAN AIRWAYS' PERMIT INTO QUESTION. EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO

MAKE CLEAR THAT IF GWS FAILS ACCEPT DESIGNATION OF SPIA

AND ISSUE ITS OPERATING PERMIT IN A TIMELY MANNER, IT COULD PUT POLYNESIAN PERMIT IN JEOPARDY.

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2. WE DO NOT WISH TO DRAG THIS MATTER OUT FURTHER IF WE

CAN HELP IT. NEVERTHELESS WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN 1972 WE DID ENVISAGE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH GWS, ALTHOUGH AT THAT TIME IT WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF ANTICIPATED OPERATIONS BY A MAJOR US INTERNATIONAL CARRIER (PAN AM) RATHER THAN A

PART 298 CARRIER SUCH AS SPIA. IN THE HOPE OF OBTAINING EARLY ACTION WE WOULD BE WILLING TO RECEIVE A GWS DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON AT AN EARLY DATE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE GWS WILL ACT ON THE SPIA APPLICATION WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. ISSUANCE EVEN OF A TEMPORARY PERMIT TO SPIA WOULD AMELIORATE SITUATION AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE BASIS FOR CONSULTATIONS. FORMAL RESPONSE TO GWS SHOULD BE BASED ON ABOVE.

3. FYI. GEORGE WRAY ADVISES THAT HE GREATLY APPRECIATES VIGOROUS EFFORTS BEING MADE BY EMBASSY WITH GWS OFFICIALS TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM. DEPT AND CAB ARE NO LESS GRATEFUL. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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